

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re U.S. National Phase of International)	
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For: IMPROVED METHODS FOR)	
DETECTING AND MEASURING)	
SPECIFIC NUCLEIC ACID)	
SEQUENCES)	

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

In reply to the Office Action dated July 13, 2009, the period for response having been extended to January 13, 2010, by a request for extension of three months and fee payment paid concurrently herewith, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of this application in view of the following amendments and remarks:

Amendments to the Specification are included in this paper.

Remarks/Arguments follow the amendment sections of this paper.